

GUIDE TO FINDING GRANTS

A resource for municipal councillors to help community groups and non-profits find funding for their important projects.

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MUNICIPAL & DATABASES



- Each municipality is unique, and your local councillor can help guide you to municipal grant programs that best fit your project.
- The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Municipal Funding Database provides an overview of grants available to municipalities, many of which are also applicable to non-profits.
 - <https://nsfm.ca/grants.html>
- CLIMAtlantic provides an overview of climate adaptation funding opportunities across Atlantic Canada. Includes federal, provincial, and non-government sources.
 - <https://climatlantic.ca/tools/funding-opportunities/>


PROVINCIAL

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- Monitor provincial news for announcements. Search keywords like “fund” or “grant.”
 - <https://news.novascotia.ca/search/all>
 - Visit the department websites and review available programs. For example:

Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage
Grants Finder search tool for their programs:
<https://ccth-grants.novascotia.ca/en/finder>

Department of Environment and Climate Change
Funding Navigator for climate-related projects:
climatefundingnavigator@novascotia.ca

FEDERAL

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- Use the search tool to guide you to the relevant federal departments and their programs.
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/government/grants-funding.html>
 - Monitor federal news, search keywords like “fund.”
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/news.html>
 - Green Municipal Fund offers funding for all phases of net-zero projects. Municipal partners, including non-profits are eligible to apply.
 - <https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/funding>

NON-GOVERNMENT



- Search for Canadian foundations and corporate giving programs that align with your project.
- Grant Connect by Imagine Canada database includes over 11,000 Canadian foundations and 560 corporate giving programs. While it is a paid resource, you can access it for free in person at Halifax Public Libraries. Ask your library about this resource.
 - <https://imaginecanada.ca/en/grantconnect>